LOK SABHA

Tuesday, July 13, 2004/Asadha 22, 1926 (Saka)

The Lok Sabha met at Eleven of the Clock

(MR. SPEAKER in the Chair)

OBITUARY REFERENCES

Title: Reference made to the passing away of Shri Ram Kinkar, Member 6th and 7th Lok Sabha on 12th September, 2003, Shri Daulat Mal Bhandari, Member 1st Lok Sabha on 10th January, 2004, Shri Vittal Baburao Tupe, Member 12th Lok Sabha, on 1st July, 2004.

MR. SPEAKER: Hon. Members, I have to inform the House of the sad demise of three of our former colleagues, namely, Shri Ram Kinkar, Shri Daulat Mal Bhandari and Shri Vitthal Baburao Tupe.

Shri Ram Kinkar was a Member of the Sixth and Seventh Lok Sabhas from 1977 to 1984, representing the Barabanki parliamentary constituency of Uttar Pradesh.

Earlier, Shri Ram Kinkar was a member of the Uttar Pradesh Legislative Assembly from 1952 to 1974. During his tenure as member in the Legislative Assembly, he served as Deputy Minister, Education, Social Welfare, Food and Civil Supplies and Revenue from February to July 1970; and Cabinet Minister, Sales Tax from July to October 1970; and for Forests from November 1970 to March 1971.

An able administrator, Shri Ram Kinkar was the Union Minister of State, Works and Housing, and Supply and Rehabilitation, from August 1977 to July 1978 and from January to July 1979 respectively; and Union Cabinet Minister, Works and Housing and Supply and Rehabilitation from July 1979 to January 1980. Later, Shri Ram Kinkar was Member, Committee on the Welfare of Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes from 1980 to 1982.

An agriculturist and advocate by profession, Shri Ram Kinkar was also an active social worker. He was associated with several social, cultural and educational organisations.

Shri Ram Kinkar passed away on 12 September, 2003 at New Delhi at the age of 82.

Shri Daulat Mal Bhandari was a Member of the First Lok Sabha from 1952 to 1955, representing the Jaipur parliamentary constituency of Rajasthan.

A great patriot, Shri Bhandari took active part in the freedom struggle. In 1942 at the clarion call given by Mahatma Gandhi, he formed the "Azad Morcha" in Jaipur and started gathering the support of the youth for staging *Satyagrah*. He was imprisoned for nine months. He also organised 'Praja Mandal' in the Jaipur State and worked devotedly in the freedom movement.

Shri Bhandari served as the Development and Agriculture Minister of the erstwhile Jaipur State in the year 1947 after being elected to the Jaipur State Legislative Assembly.

Shri Bhandari was a well-known social worker. During the partition of India, he was involved in the rehabilitation of thousands of refugees who came from Sindh and Western Punjab Province.

A legal luminary, Shri Bhandari was a senior advocate on the rolls of the Bar Council of India. He was appointed a judge of the Rajasthan High Court in 1955 and he rose to become the Chief Justice there in the year 1968. Shri Bhandari also served as Chairman, Revenue Law Commission constituted by the Government of Rajasthan; and as member, Krishna Godavari Water Dispute Tribunal constituted by the Government of India. He was a founder

member of the Indian Law Institute, New Delhi. He also served as the Chairman of the Governing Body of the Lal Bahadur Shastri College.

Shri Daulat Mal Bhandari passed away on 10 January, 2004 at Jaipur, Rajasthan at the age of 97.

Shri Vitthal Baburao Tupe was a Member of the Twelfth Lok Sabha from 1998 to 1999, representing the Pune parliamentary constituency of Maharashtra.

Earlier, Shri Tupe was a member of the Pune Municipal Corporation from 1974 to 1979 and of the Maharashtra Legislative Assembly for three terms, from 1978 to 1990.

A devoted parliamentarian, Shri Tupe was a Member of the Committee on Urban and Rural Development and its Sub-Committee on Urban Affairs and Employment; and the Consultative Committee of the Ministry of Science and Technology and other Science Departments from 1998 to 1999.

An agriculturist by profession, Shri Tupe was an active social and political worker. He worked hard for the uplift of the poor and the downtrodden sections of the society. He strove to get social justice for the economically backward classes and the minorities.

Shri Tupe was associated with several social and cultural organisations. He was Chairman, Sane Guruji Shikshan Sansthan, Pune; Sadhana Educational Complex of Rayat Shikshan Sanstha, Maharashtra; and Yashwant Cooperative Sugar Factories, Theuer, District Pune. He also served as Director, Maharashtra State Road Transport Corporation from 1993 to 1995; and as Consultant, Sadhana Sahakari Bank, Pune.

Shri Vitthal Baburao Tupe passed away on 1 July, 2004 at Pune, Maharashtra, at the age of 64, after a brief illness.

We deeply mourn the loss of these friends and I am sure the House would join me in conveying our condolences to the bereaved families.

The House may now stand in silence for a short while as a mark of respect to the memory of the departed.

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(The Members then stood in silence for a short while.)